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SUBJECT:VISIT OF POLISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IVP WRAPWP

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1. MINISTER AND PARTY DEPART FOR WARSAW SEPTEMBER 30 VIA LOT 007. MAIN GOAL OF VISIT -- TO PRESS FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON GRAIN SALES AND TO ASSURE POLISH GRAIN NEEDS THIS YEAR PROVIDED FOR IN U.S. MARKET -- COVERED IN REFTEL.

2. NON-WASHINGTON PROGRAM COVERED IN ITINERARY POUCHED EMBASSY. DELEGATION RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT AT EVERY STOP, ESPECIALLY AT DEERE CO., HEADQUARTERS AND HOME OF DEERE BOARD CHAIRMAN. MINISTER AGREED TO BUY DEERE SUGAR BEET HARVESTER ON TRIAL BASIS WITH PROSPECTS OF FURTHER SALES SHOULD IT PROVE SUITABLE TO POLISH NEEDS.

3. MOST IMPRESSIVE STOPS WERE ATALBINFARM WASTE RECYCLING AND AT AMERICAN BREEDER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS. PIERSON FARM VISIT IN CONNECTICUT COULD HAVE BEEN DELETED.
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4. MINISTER IMPRESSED HOSTS WITH HIS FORTHRIGHTNESS AND AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE. HE IN TURN APPEARED PLEASED BY WARM RECEPTION AND OPENNESS WHICH HE ENCOUNTERED THROUGHOUT VISIT.

5. MRS. BARCIKOWSKA RETURNED FROM IOWA TO WASHINGTON DUE TO BACK AILMENT AND MISSED REMAINDER OF PROGRAM. SHE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND BY STANDARD OF U.S. HOUSING.

6. FULL REPORT WILL BE POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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